

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE
SCIENTIFIC & CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT
NO. 2016-17

WHEREAS, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) is a nationally acclaimed model for funding cultural organizations and provides funding from a one-tenth of a cent sales tax in the seven-county Denver metro area to more than 300 small and large metropolitan arts and science organizations; and

WHEREAS, more than 13 million people visited the Denver metro area's cultural institutions in 2014 and SCFD funding allowed more than half of those attending regional organizations to visit at reduced rates or for free, while all the region's cultural organizations provided free programs and exhibits to 4 million attendees; and

WHEREAS, SCFD-funded organizations provided 4 million annual tours and cultural experiences for school children, both in classrooms and at the cultural facilities; and

WHEREAS, \$14.9 million in SCFD funding is given to Adams County for local investment in arts and culture organizations such as the Commerce City Cultural Council; and

WHEREAS, the region's cultural organizations generate more than \$1.85 billion a year in economic activity, providing over 10,000 jobs and \$410 million in cultural tourism; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD has been approved by the legislature and endorsed by voters in three region-wide elections in 1988, 1994, and 2004; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD's board conducted a three-year public process to identify recommended changes and adopted a series of significant enhancements to improve the District's effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD's modest one-tenth of a cent sales tax equals only one cent on a \$10 purchase, and in 2016 voters will be asked to extend the tax for an additional 12 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Commerce City hereby supports the renewal of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District with the provisions adopted by the SCFD Board and urges legislative and voter support for renewal of the District and the continued benefits the SCFD provides.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY

Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura J. Bauer, CMC, City Clerk